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1. Georg Handke, Erwin Kerber, and another official of the Economic Commission have an appointment with General Kotikov on Monday 12 July 1948.
2. Kotikov is expected to state that the Russians can no longer recognize the Berlin Magistrat; that the overall German administration of the Eastern Sector is lacking and not desirable at present. Therefore, the Central Komendatura will take over the government and enforce the regulations of the Economic Commission. The Berliner Handelsgesellschaft will be instructed to keep records of eastern Berlin production and the Deutsche Treuhandolsgesellschaft may be assigned a job planning all of the East Sector production.
3. Handke expects the Russians to obtain the economic and political control of Berlin while the Western Powers retain only police troops in their areas.

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